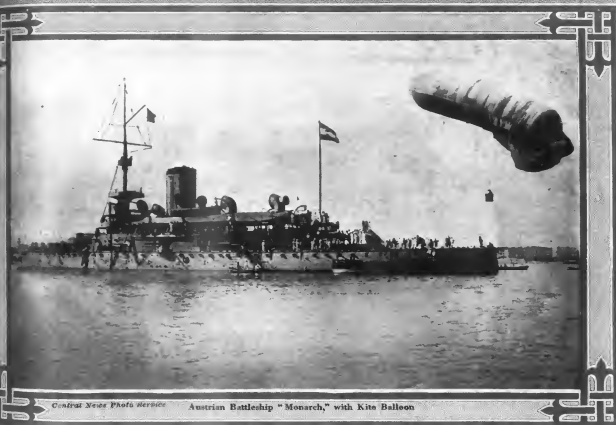


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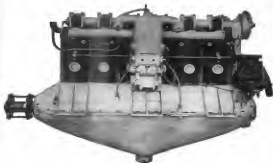
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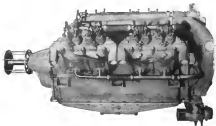
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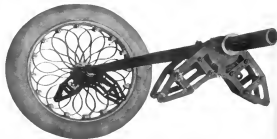
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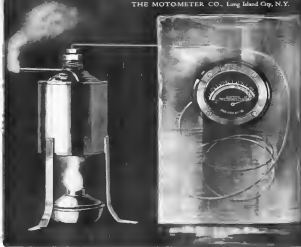
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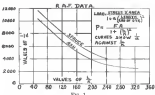


FIG. 1

$E$  is the modulus of elasticity of spruce 1,825,000 lbs./sq. in. The other symbols are as before.

The routine procedure in figuring a strut of known length to resist a certain load, is to assume an area, calculate its radius of gyration, and then to use one of the above formulas and see what crippling load our chosen section will have. This usually fails above or below our required load, and so several values of area must be tried. This involves much computation, and in order to avoid this, the following charts have been constructed.

Fig. 2 represents a universal strut chart which, as the name implies, may be used to find the crippling loads of struts for any section, material, length, and also for various end connections such as round, fixed, or one end round and the other fixed, and for any experimental data.

The sections shown are stream-line, square, hexagonal, octagonal, and circular. In the upper right-hand corner of the

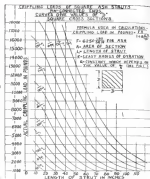


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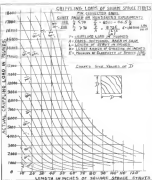


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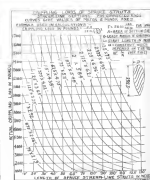


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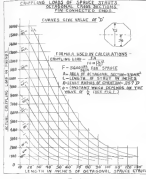


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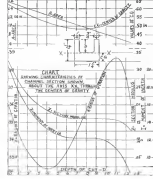


FIG. 6

chart, under the various experimental results of J. A. F. data, and Hunsaker's.

From this one may also find the crippling loads for a given load and length.

The curves represented in:  
Fig. 2 for square and hexagonal: R. A. F. data.  
Fig. 3 for square and hexagonal: Hunsaker data.  
Fig. 4 for hexagonal and square: R. A. F. data.  
Fig. 5 for circular and square: R. A. F. data.  
All of these Figs. 3 to 7 inclusive, are for pinned ends.

The charts on struts shown in Figs. 7 and 8 are very interesting. As is well known, the compression of the body are often checked out for lightness. The section shown in Fig. 8 is an airfoil. The load radius of gyration covers about the axis JK, Fig. 8. The various characteristics of the section are shown in Fig. 8, and if we take these values of area and radius of gyration and use them in the universal chart, we may construct Fig. 7, which shows the depth of chording for any length and load.

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#### Controls and Control Surfaces

In the article on "Controls and Control Surfaces," by W. J. Waterhouse, printed in the September 1 issue of AVIATION.



AND ASSOCIATED ENGINEERS, the "flap half section" referred to under the subject of "Flaps" was omitted. They appear in the illustration printed herewith.

## The Shaping of Airplane Propellers\*

By Frank W. Caldwell

After the propeller has been glued up it will usually be found that the glue has set in about twelve hours. The propeller may then be removed from the clamps.

When the propeller is glued up the boards will nearly always be distorted somewhat so that strains in the wood will be introduced from this source. Additional strains are introduced from the drying out of the moisture in the glue. For

this reason it is considered good practice to let the propeller stand about a week before roughing it out.

Where the propeller has been glued up in strip form, rough shaping is usually done by means of a gouge, mallet or by some form of router. A good many of the ones have been built and some of these are shown in the accompanying sketches.

Fig. 1 shows a rubber made form of rough shaping done which seems to work very well.

Fig. 2 shows a form of rubber that is said to have been used in England for rough shaping propellers. (Aeronautics, Nov. 24, 1926.) The English device appears to have been built up especially for propeller work.

There is a tool already on the market, however, made by the U. S. Reverted Tool Co., Cincinnati, O., which is suitable for the work. This tool is perfectly to a cutter on a slide

shaft so the greater accuracy of the tool shown prevents a loss

a longitudinal advance at the end of each stroke. The entire ends of machines built on this principle have been along the blade with a cross feed at the end of the stroke.



Fig. 1. THE RUBBER MADE FORM OF ROUGH SHAPING. THE RUBBER IS USED TO SHAPE THE PROPELLER.

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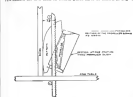


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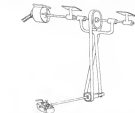


Fig. 3. MACHINE FOR ROUGHING PROPELLERS WITH MOTOR AND BELT DRIVE. THIS MACHINE, LIKE THAT SHOWN IN FIG. 2, IS A FORM OF ROUTER AND IS MANIPULATED ENTIRELY BY HAND. THE SECOND DRIVING MECHANISM IS THE SHAFT OF THE DRIVEN.

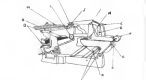


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Fig. 15 shows a machine for roughing propellers with motor and belt drive. It shows a vertical wooden frame with a horizontal bar across the top, and a curved blade or form inside.

used when the propeller has been glued together in the form of a block.

Fig. 8 shows a diagrammatic sketch of a machine which has been used in the country for depinning. The machine is provided with a guide roller, which runs on a form of the shape of a propeller, and of a roller having the same shape

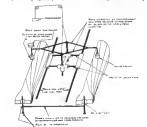


Fig. 8. MACHINE FOR DEPINNING. THE MACHINE IS PROVIDED WITH A GUIDE ROLLER, WHICH RUNS ON A FORM OF THE SHAPE OF A PROPELLER, AND OF A ROLLER HAVING THE SAME SHAPE.

and decreases as the guide roller. Parallel motion of the guide and the roller is obtained by means of two horizontal ways and two vertical ways. The machine will revolve with a four degree of precision, but is too slow and requires too much setting up for production work.

Recently a few propellers have been roughed out on a machine whose operation is about the same as that of an axle-hill lathe. This machine produces very nice work, apparently, and may develop into the most practical machine yet brought out.

## The Paul Schmitt Airplane

By John Jay Ide

The Paul Schmitt airplane, one of the latest French masterpieces is distinguished by a very excessive amount for varying the angle of incidence of the wings in flight. Before proceeding to describe the means employed to obtain this result, the disadvantages of the fixed angle of incidence may be briefly dealt upon.

It is well known that in horizontal flight maximum efficiency can be obtained only at the speed at which the machine flies with its body horizontal. Any variation of speed, in the

ing three degrees only, strikes it at an angle—at higher speeds on top, at lower speeds on the bottom. In both cases loss of efficiency is the result.

Let us suppose, for example, that a machine flying with its body horizontal will maintain a horizontal flight path with the maximum of three-quarter maximum speed. Now, if we increase the speed of the engine to the limit, we shall have to decrease the angle of incidence in order to maintain a horizontal flight path. Otherwise the machine will start to pitch upwards. As the angle of the wings relative to the body is fixed, we are forced to change the attitude of the whole machine, i. e., by "tail high."

Let us take, for instance, the engine is throttled down and the angle of incidence increased by flying with the tail low. This position is always dangerous, as a tail slide may result from sudden failure of the power plant. In the case of the Paul Schmitt airplane, however, the body may be maintained horizontal at all speeds by simply changing the angle of the wings in and out of the device. The method of accomplishing this is shown in the sketch.

The two main planes form a V and extend outward from the body, which passes between the planes without touching either of them. They are connected to the body by means of a transverse (rotary shaft), ending in ball bearings on a pair of vertical V-shaped struts and held at their lower ends to the upper extremities of the body. The ends of the transverse shaft are rigidly attached to two steel tubes placed fore and aft between the front and rear interplane struts. These four struts pass through the body by means of slots in the cover-



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\*The present article is the second of a series dealing with the construction of airplane propellers. The first article, dealing with the selection of materials, was published in the issue of May 1, 1931.

up and are connected transversely at top and bottom by other tubes.

From the above description, it will be seen that the wings could rotate around the transverse axis and the intermediate struts finally come in contact with members of the body. They are prevented from doing this by means of a large nut working on a threaded shaft borne on ball bearings and shafted at a wide range of speeds. The Paul Schmitt explains also about very quickly; it can rise after a very short time with the tail high, a most valuable feature for airplanes and, finally, its wings can be made to assume a powerful banking effort.

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longitudinally to the floor of the body. This nut is connected by two pins to a pair of struts.

On a prolongation of the longitudinal shaft behind the rear bearing are mounted two concentric sprockets from which chains pass to two handwheels on front of the pilot. Rotation of the large wheel causes the shaft to revolve slowly while the small one is geared so that a more rapid movement is obtained.



As the shrouded shaft rises to left or right, the nut is displaced forward or aft, and with it the lower ends of the intermediate struts to which it is geared. The amount of movement in such that the wings pass through a 9 to 12 deg. arc. By suitably varying the power, the machine can be flown

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Two conditions are necessary for the formation of a smoke-fog, first, the wind velocity near the ground must be very high, so that the air may collect enough smoke to form a fog bank passing over the town; and secondly, the air near the ground must be relatively cold compared with the air higher up so that a period sufficiently long to collect enough smoke to form a fog.

The relative coldness of the air near the ground has the effect of opposing the formation of vertical currents in which would tend to dissipate the smoke upwards. When the air near the ground is cold the fog is therefore confined to a comparatively thin layer close to the ground. This condition explains the occurrence of smoke-fogs in the winter. For it is at that time that the ground is cold for a sufficiently long period to allow enough smoke to collect to form a fog.

When very light winds occur in the morning, the vertical current in the daytime over the smoke into the higher layers, since the wind is usually stronger, so that the smoke gets carried away. Occasionally, however, the wind is very light throughout the whole of the first 6,000 or 1,000 ft. and the smoke is carried by the vertical currents during the day up into the upper layers, but it is not carried right away. In this way it forms a haze which is sometimes sufficiently dense to obscure the sun, though it is nowhere thick enough to be called a fog.

A much more frequent source of fogs is the combination of water-vapor in the air. The condensation is due either to cooling or to the increase of two causes of air at different temperatures and containing different amounts of water-vapor.

At any temperature air can only contain a certain proportion of water-vapor. When it has the proportion reached with which it is said to be saturated. The amount of water-vapor which air can hold depends on the temperature, the higher the temperature the greater the amount of water-vapor.

A frequent cause in the cooling which takes place is a rising current of air owing to expansion. This is the most frequent cause of clouds. A fog on a high land may be due to the forcing up of the air from lower lying land by the action of the ground, but a fog of this nature is probably the least common thing to see. The lower surface of a cloud into which the high land is projecting. Such a fog would make flying impossible, but even if low clouds did not come right down to the ground so as to form a fog, strong winds still be practically impossible.

The chief factor which determines the temperature of the air over the earth's surface is the temperature of the land and nearly all fogs, both on land and at sea, are due to changes in the temperature of the earth's surface under the action of the sun, but there is a great difference between the land and the sea as regards the way in which this change takes place. On the sea the temperature of the air seldom differs by more than one or two degrees from that of the sea, the temperature of the sea is only very slowly varied by heat taken from or given to the atmosphere, and there is practically no daily variation in the temperature of the sea surface. The only way in which the temperature of the sea is raised or lowered is by the action of the wind, which is from a place where the sea is hot to a place where it is cold, or vice versa.

In the case of the land, the temperature of the surface of the ground may vary rapidly through a large range. Changes in the temperature of a given mass of surface are due much more to changes in the temperature of the ground than to changes in the temperature of the air over it, the temperature of which varies from place to place. The temperature of the ground depends on a great variety of different causes, such as the amount of cloud (the clouds prevent the ground from making it night or heating it by day), the velocity of the

of these is the extremely large passenger cockpit, and at further back in the pilot's seat. In front of him, in addition to the hand wheel mentioned above, are the controls, a wheel operating the ailerons and elevator, and a foot bar for rudder.

## Fog Conditions\*

By Major G. I. Taylor

wind, and the temperature of the ground for the last day or two.

The most complicated and, unfortunately, the most frequent cause of fog formation is the cooling of the ground by radiation to the sky at night. This is the kind of fog with which flying men are chiefly concerned.

It is a matter of common observation that fogs occur with light winds or no wind, and that they usually appear when the sky is clear of clouds. This suggests that they are formed during the night on the spot at which they are observed in the morning.

To find out how far this is true and what wind velocity prevents the formation of fog, I obtained all the fogs which formed in the night and were cleared at the morning at Raw in the five years 1900-1905. This leaves many fogs unaccounted for because meteorologists make their observations at about 7 a. m. and many of the fogs have cleared off by that time. The wind at Raw is measured by self-recording anemometer, and is tabulated every two hours. For convenience I have divided the wind velocities into four classes.

The first class was classified all the mornings when the wind velocity was between 0 and 2.3 m.p.h. The second class contains winds from 2.3 to 5.5 m.p.h., the third winds from 5.5

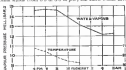


FIG. 1

to 6.0, and the fourth winds from 6.0 to 11.5 m.p.h. At 4 p. m. on the afternoons of the 70 nights on which fog was reported during the period 1900-1905, there were examples of fog in 10 of the four classes. The actual number of cases in each of the four classes are shown in the first column of figures in Table I. At 4 p. m. the evening mist had set in, and it will be seen at looking at the second column of figures that the wind velocity was very low, two cases in five years in which a wind of 0.2 miles per hour or more of 8 p. m. was followed by a fog during the night. At 8 p. m. the wind had dropped still further. The foggy nights, in fact, there were only two cases in the five years when a wind of more than 5.5 m.p.h. was followed by fog during the night. At 10 p. m. there were still two cases in the third class, while there were two cases in the second class.

TABLE I

Frequency of wind of various strength at 4 p. m., 8 p. m., 10 p. m., and midnight on the 70 mornings when fog was reported in the five years 1900-1905.

Wind Velocity	4 p. m.	8 p. m.	10 p. m.	Midnight
0 to 2.3 m.p.h.	10	10	10	10
2.3 to 5.5 m.p.h.	10	10	10	10
5.5 to 6.0 m.p.h.	10	10	10	10
6.0 to 11.5 m.p.h.	10	10	10	10

It will be seen that Table I can be used for forecasting, because if "no fog" had been predicted at Raw every time the wind at 4 p. m. was greater than 5.5 m.p.h., only two instances would have been made in five years. We might also have predicted "no fog" every time the wind at 8 p. m. was greater than 5.2 m.p.h., and again we should have been wrong two times in five years, but once there were more instances when the wind was greater than 5.2 m.p.h. at 8 p. m. than there were when it was greater than 5.2 m.p.h. at 4 p. m. It is evident that we should have made more correct predictions by using the wind at 8 p. m. than the wind at 4 p. m. This is the case at Raw, and it is the case at all other places. A 5.5 m.p.h. gale rise in force "false alarm," when the point

\* Extracted from a paper read before the Aeronautical Society of Great

bility of fog is predicted and fog follows, than the 8 p. m. estimate that the wind must be less than 0.2 mph.

Reasoning in the same way, I found, on examining the Kew data, that a wind at 8 p. m. was a better reference than the wind at 10 p. m. It seems, therefore, that a fog forecaster would do better by observing the wind at 8 p. m. than by observing the wind either before or after that hour.

As to the nature of fog, when the wind at 8 p. m. is greater than 0.5 mph, there remain a large number of nights when fog does not form. In many of these cases the sky is covered with clouds. The clouds were not cold by radiation alone, and, consequently, the surface air does not cool either, so that a fog is not expected. If, however, all nights when the sky is covered with clouds at 8 p. m. or any later time in the night, be reported, these will contain a large number of nights during which no fog forms. The question which must be asked is, therefore, why fog sometimes do form and sometimes do not on calm nights. Here it is that on two nights which appear exactly similar fog may form on one occasion and not on the other?

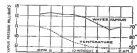


FIG. 1

Two possible explanations at once suggest themselves—either the ground is so warm that the temperature cannot go down enough to produce a fog when the air has the normal amount of humidity or the air is so dry that a fog would only be produced if the fall of temperature during the night were much greater than is usual on calm, clear nights. The first of these is very difficult to deal with, depending as it does on such a complicated series of factors. The second, however, seems to be the more reasonable, when it is remembered that it is certainly more easy for a forecaster to take account of the dryness of the air than to take account of the conditions which govern the temperature.

In order to predict whether fog is likely to appear on a calm, clear night, it is first necessary to predict the amount by which the temperature is likely to fall in the night, and the next measure the amount of water-vapor in the air and find out whether the predicted fall in temperature is great enough to produce a fog.

At first sight the amount of these points may be a question which could be solved by purely physical reasoning. The extreme lightness of wind direction in a fog suggests that the amount of fog at any place is due to the cooling of the ground in the neighborhood, and not to a mist which has rolled over from somewhere else. When stagnant air is cooled, one might expect the proportion of water vapor contained in the air to remain constant till the fog begins, when it would decrease, owing to the fact that some of the vapor had been condensed.

In examining the Kew records I found that on foggy nights the vapor pressure remained constant for a time and then began to decrease. In Fig. 1 will be seen a curve which represents the mean vapor pressure on foggy nights in the manner it will be seen that this curve shows the characteristics referred to. Taking this as evidence that the vapor pressure remains constant till the fog forms, I next proceeded to find out how the temperature would have to drop after 8 p. m. before a fog would form. I then compared the actual amounts by which the temperature at Kew had fallen after 8 p. m. on calm, clear nights, and found, to my surprise, that the temperature on the night when the falls below the dew-point at 8 p. m. nearly every night, when these conditions hold. It is evident, therefore, that the vapor pressure must decrease on non-foggy nights as well as on foggy nights. I examined clear, calm nights when fog did not form at Kew, and found, as before, that the vapor

pressure of the air near the ground remains constant during the afternoon and evening, and begins to decrease at about 10 p. m.

In Fig. 2 is shown the curve which represents the mean vapor pressure on non-foggy nights at Kew. The decrease in vapor pressure is evidently due to the depression of dew in the ground. The cold apparatus which rest from the ground have deposited some of this moisture on the ground, and as the temperature of the air in contact with the ground falls below the dew-point, the vapor pressure of the air above it begins to fall, and the question of whether a fog arises depends on whether pressure of the air and dew-points are equal or, if, however, fog. If we know the exact composition of the air and dew-points, and also the proportion of risk in its nature, we could find out whether fog results by the use of the diagram of Fig. 3.

In order to find out from the known physical properties of air mixed with water-vapor how much below the dew-point a 8 p. m. air must be cooled before fog is produced, we should have to know all about the air, and the conditions which transmit the surface from the ground to the atmosphere, as well as about the vertical distribution of the temperature in the lower air.

It is obvious that forecasting cannot proceed on these lines. I have therefore tried to find out a simpler, more empirical method of forecasting. It is well known that the temperature falls more rapidly on warm summer evenings than it does on the winter when it is a question of the same amount of variations at 8 p. m. and that we know the average fall in temperature during a calm, clear night for any temperature at 8 p. m. Suppose also that we know how many degrees below the dew-point the air must be cooled before fog forms for every temperature at 8 p. m. then will be a very small amount of moisture (or a certain vapor pressure), such that the air is cooler than in reality, whereas if the air contains the moisture fog is inevitable. One could therefore draw a line on a moisture diagram\* which has the following property: If the point which represents the state of the air at 8 p. m. lies below it, fog is certainly during the night, while if it is above it, fog is improbable.

Now, although we do not know the data by means of which

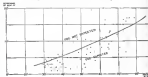


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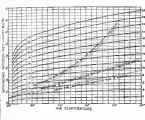
we could construct the line, yet since we know theoretically that such a line should exist we can find it empirically by making all the points representing the state of the air at 8 p. m. on calm, clear nights on the diagram and drawing a line dividing the points which represents foggy nights from those which represent non-foggy nights.

As a matter of fact, this form of moisture diagram in which the state of the air is represented by a point giving its vapor pressure and the temperature is not very convenient. Vapor pressure is not, as a rule, measured directly. The most convenient way of measuring the amount of water-vapor in the atmosphere is to measure the difference in temperature between a dry thermometer and one which has a wet bulb by being covered by wet muslin. When the air is dry there is considerable difference in temperature between the wet and dry bulbs, owing to the cooling of the wet bulb.

\* A diagram which shows the representation and temperature of the air.

is evaporated. When the air is saturated the water does not evaporate from the wet bulb. The wet bulb is therefore at the same temperature as the dry bulb. The diagram is then based on the temperatures of the wet and dry bulbs during the night, and on the temperatures of the wet and dry bulbs during the day. The diagram is then based on the temperatures of the wet and dry bulbs during the night, and on the temperatures of the wet and dry bulbs during the day.

Using these tables, I took every case in which the wind and dew point at 8 p. m. at Kew were such that the formation of fog, i.e., every case in which the wind was less than 0.5 mph, and the sky was not covered with clouds, and



found the depression of the dew-point. I then marked each of these on a diagram representing the state of the air by its temperature and the temperature to which the dew point of the air was cooled. For every night when fog occurred I marked the point as a sound dot, and for every night when no fog was reported I marked a cross. The diagram is shown in Fig. 3. It shows the line drawn in the figure which divides roughly the data from the crosses. It will be seen that there are only three data above the line, while there are 41 crosses. If, therefore, this line had been used for forecasting, on summer when the wind and cloud conditions were suitable for fog, that no fog would occur if the point representing the state of the air at 8 p. m. were above the line in the diagram, then mistakes would have been made for 28 correct predictions. On the other hand, when the

\* The diagram at the end of this paper is a diagram of the state of the air at 8 p. m. which shows the depression of the dew point.

point lies below the line, the crosses are about equal to a fog will occur at Kew and that is all.

Apparently, then, the diagram at this form should be of some use in predicting the occurrence of fog if it applies to other places besides Kew. I find on examining the records of Oxford, Northampton, and Potsdam, that the line is in each case very close to the line at Kew.

As the diagram stands, it is not very convenient to use, because, after reading the wet and dry bulb thermometers, one has to go to a table to find the depression of the dew point. It can be made more convenient by transferring the point to a diagram in which the state of the air is represented by a point showing the difference between wet and dry bulb readings on the ordinate and the temperature on the abscissa.

A diagram constructed on this principle is shown in Fig. 4. The line shown in Fig. 4 was transferred from Fig. 3 by taking, from the tables, the difference between the wet and dry bulb readings corresponding with points in Fig. 3. The diagram may be used conveniently for predicting whether fog is likely to appear on an autumn or not during the night. The wet and dry bulb readings at 8 p. m. are taken at the point on the diagram, and if the point lies below the line, fog is probable if the point on the diagram which represents the state of the air at 8 p. m. lies above the line. If the point lies above the line, fog is improbable.

If the point lies above the line, or, if there is still a considerable difference between the wet and dry bulb readings at 8 p. m., it is not possible to say whether fog is probable, but since the air is still unsaturated fog will not appear for some time after the readings were taken. A difference of more than 10 degrees between the wet and dry bulb readings may be taken to indicate that fog will not appear immediately. A line has been drawn on the diagram which divides roughly the difference which is necessary in order that fog may not appear for some time after the readings were taken. It is evident that this line is not very close to the line which divides between the two indicates the probability that fog will form after midnight. It seems probable that the diagram may be of some use to night-forecasters in telling night pilots how long to stay up.

It may sometimes be convenient to make a forecast at 6 p. m. instead of at 8 p. m., though for most purposes giving the 8 p. m. forecast is more likely to be correct. To allow for this contingency a third line has been drawn on the diagram above the 8 p. m. line. When the point representing the state of the air at 6 p. m. lies above this line, fog is improbable during the night.

The chance that a prediction made with this diagram will be correct is not high, but it is higher than the diagram of Fig. 3, but there is another chance which limits its usefulness in the winter. The freezing of water which is supplied to keep the wet bulb from becoming dry. When this water freezes the reading of the wet bulb becomes impossible. In the summer, however, the use of the diagram should lead to a considerable improvement in forecasting the occurrence of a radiation fog.

## Book Review

"An Introduction to the Physics of the Atmosphere" by A. E. DUNE, S. R. (10 Appleton & Co., New York, 1930, 223 pp.)

The book contains condensed information on the subject of atmospheric physics. The subject matter is presented in a clear, concise, and easy-to-understand manner.

The author commences by giving a summary of the laws of physics, and applies these laws to the atmosphere. The book is then divided into three parts: the first part deals with the general properties of the atmosphere, the second part deals with the properties of the atmosphere in relation to the earth, and the third part deals with the properties of the atmosphere in relation to the sun.

The first five chapters are devoted to a discussion of the laws of physics, the composition, and the use of the atmosphere. The next three chapters deal with a similar discussion of the atmosphere, the sun, and the earth. The last three chapters deal with a similar discussion of the atmosphere, the sun, and the earth.

During the last of these chapters Mr. Dune gives the laws of physics, and gives examples in determining the course to be followed in order to intercept a hostile ship, the method employed in firing positions, and the use of maps with conventional markings.

The sixth chapter deals with astronomy, and the methods employed in finding the time of sunrise, sunset, moonset, moonrise, etc. The most important considerations are pointed out, and the methods of calculation are given. It is of great assistance in making observations in dark weather.

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The book is a very good introduction to the physics of the atmosphere, and is well worth a read. It is especially useful for those who are interested in the study of the atmosphere, and for those who are interested in the study of the laws of physics.









### Captain Guyanmer Lost

Capt. George Guyanmer, the famous French aviator, is believed to be dead.

He met his death, it is supposed, in a reconnaissance flight over Flanders on which he left Dunkirk Sept. 11. Nothing has been heard of him since and it has been assumed that he was lost. French Army Headquarters issued on Sept. 25 a contradictory report.



CAPT. GEORGE GUYANMER  
Famous aviator from France

Captain Guyanmer, who attained world wide fame in his exploits, was perhaps the most brilliant aviator of the war. He was last cited in the official French announcement of September 19 for having won his fifth aerial victory. An affidavit from Augustin a few days earlier said he had completed his 31st-two enemy machines. He was 31 years old.

Only a little more than two years ago Capt. Guyanmer was a simple soldier. He entered the French Army as a volunteer after having been rejected five times by the medical inspectors. Joining the Aviation Corps, he rose rapidly in rank until he attained the grade of Captain, among the Fives of the Region of Honor, the Military Medal, the War Cross, and almost every other honor which his country could bestow.

The young aviator took part in many spectacular flights, and had the narrowest escapes on several occasions. In March of last year he was wounded.

One of the most spectacular achievements of Capt. Guyanmer was the shooting down of three German airplanes in two minutes and thirty seconds on September, 1918. On one occasion he was forced to descend between the French and German trenches, but was able to escape.

Guyanmer operated his airplane alone, serving as both pilot and gunner.

### Non-Stop Flight from Turin to Rome

Captain Marcelino Guglielmo of the Italian Royal Flying Corps, who established on Aug. 24 the new world's non-stop distance record on a flight from Turin to Naples and back without a stop, a distance of 250 miles, made on Sept. 25 another remarkable non-stop flight, which took him in a straight line from Turin to Rome.

Captain Guglielmo left Turin at 8:28, Italian time, and landed at Brindisi at 2:59 in the afternoon, having completed a journey of 250 miles in 7 hr., 25 min., 30 sec.

Captain Guglielmo flew an Ansaldo machine and carried a machine gun and ammunition in the machine gun.

From Turin he followed the railway as far as Biella, on the Italian frontier. Crossing the Alps by Mont Cenis at an altitude of nearly 12,000 ft., he passed over Lanchbourg and reported the railway at Brindisi. During the crossing of the Alps he encountered rough weather, and throughout the whole journey he had to face a strong northerly wind.

From Brindisi, still following the line of railway, the aviator

traveled northwest to Cuneo, where he landed in an hour and forty minutes from Turin, and continuing on the same line reached over Verbania to Domo. He crossed the frontier Department and proceeded by way of Phlegny and then across the Department of Novara to Biella, passing by the aid of them and continuing his journey of Biella by way of Cuneo, Amon, and Cap Gira Neri.

Throughout this part of the journey he kept an average height of about 5,000 ft. He crossed the Channel at 13 mi., dropped to 1,000 ft. to park up his baggage, and leaving his partner to Brindisi without much delay except for a slight delay made in error over Brindisi.

He carried with him in addition to copies of an Italian newspaper an autograph letter from his King to King George and letters to Lord George, Lord Dorin, Mr. Balfour, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, and the Lord Mayor of London.

### War Industries Board Reorganized

The Council of National Defense has announced the reorganization under the War Industries Board of the Automobile Products Committee, which will have authority over even in all matters involving the use of internal combustion engines including the production of motor cars, trucks and auto buses, tractors, motor-boats and airplane engines. The Committee will serve under the administration of Robert H. Goddard, member of the War Industries Board in charge of fluid products.

The membership of the committee, as reorganized, is as follows: Chairman, H. L. Hering, tractors and trucks; W. H. Stager, representing the Motor and Automobile Association; Colonel Clement H. Baker of the Quartermaster's Corps, Chief of Engineers, representing the Society of Automobile Engineers; Frank W. Russell, representing the Manufacturers' Association; T. W. Henderson, representing the Motor-cycle Association; Henry H. Anglin, representing the Motorboat Association and Mark Feltus, member of the War Industries Board, representing labor.

A special auxiliary committee has been appointed to aid in the military truck program in cooperation with the Quartermaster's Corps. Sub-committees will also be appointed on primary, gasoline and military motor-cycles.

### Transatlantic Flight Projected

Preparations are being made in England for crossing the Atlantic from east to west by airplane in one day, according to an announcement made by J. A. Blacklock, general director of the Whitehead Aircraft, Limited, in the London Daily Mirror.

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American aviators in England are dubious about the success of this scheme. An American officer pointed out to a Daily News representative the difficulties in the way of that time of year when expected gales are due.

"The prevailing Atlantic winds," he said, "are from the south in winter, and consequently to be successful need a most favorable condition. A worse period for crossing in America from Europe could not be chosen than that between now and the end of next March. I see it is announced that the flight will occupy about 12 hr., which means 250 miles an hour at the height of the wind. Just look at the proposition."

### Specifications Issued for Airplane Materials

Preliminary specifications for international standards of airplane materials are being issued by the International Airplane Standardization Board in Washington. This body has been set up by the U. S. Navy, and under the plan adopted may be obtained by manufacturers interested in registration in the International Aircraft Standards Board Room 224, Bond Building, Washington, D. C.

All international standards on airplane materials and fabricated parts in the future will be issued from the office of the Board, and can be had on application.



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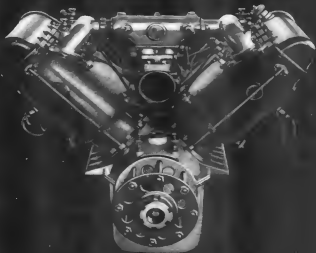
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